

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Independent Claim 27 and dependent Claims 28 and 29 are presented for examination.

Claim 27 recites, inter alia, a display portion which displays a moving image of the object picked up by the image pickup portion before applying an operation to an instruction member by means of which an operation for instructing start of image taking is applied by a user, and a control portion which causes the number of recordable still images calculated by a calculation portion to be displayed overlapping with the moving image on the display portion. This invention is neither taught nor suggested by Fujimori, the reference relied upon in the rejection of Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

With regard to the claimed invention, see, e.g., and without limitation, the paragraph bridging pages 37-38 of Applicants' specification, the first complete paragraph on page 38, and the paragraph bridging pages 38-39.

It is respectfully submitted that independent Claim 27 and dependent Claims 28 and 29 should be allowed and that this application should be passed to issue.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this

paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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